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TO THE BENCH, BAR, AND PUBLIC:

Proposed Rule Amendments

The Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Civil Rules has proposed amendments to Rule C of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims and requested that the proposals be circulated to the bench, bar, and public for comment. The proposed amendments are recommended as technical changes, which conform to the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-185 (April 25, 2000). The proposed amendments are posted on the Internet at <<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules>>.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Please provide any comments and suggestions on the proposed amendments (substantive or stylistic) whether favorable, adverse, or otherwise as soon as possible. **The comment deadline is April 2, 2001.** Please send all correspondence to:

Secretary of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure
Administrative Office of the United States Courts
Washington, D.C. 20544.

Comments may be sent electronically via the Internet to <<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules>>. The Advisory Committee on Civil Rules will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Admiralty Rule C on March 12, 2001, in Washington, D.C. If you wish to testify, you must contact the Committee Secretary at the above address **at least 21 days before the hearing.** The Advisory Committee will review all timely comments. All comments are made part of the official record and are available to the public.

After the public comment period, the Advisory Committee will decide whether to submit the proposed amendments to the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. At present, the Standing Committee has not approved these proposed amendments, except to authorize their publication for comment. The proposed amendments have not been submitted to nor considered by the Judicial Conference or the Supreme Court.

Anthony J. Scirica
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